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REMARKS**1. Status of Claims**

Claims 8-25 were pending in the Application. Claims 8-16 stand allowed by the Examiner. Applicants have amended claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Applicants submit that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 8-25 will remain pending in the application.

2. Rejections under 35 USC § 112

In section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 17-25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner stated that the use of the phrase "may be used" is indefinite and unclear as expressing potential action. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 17 to use a phrase with the same scope. As shown at paragraph 41, the sensors provide information useful in resolving ambiguity. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 17 complies with 35 USC section 112 and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

3. Allowable Claims

Applicants appreciate the indication in section 1 of the Office Action, that claims 8-16 are allowable over the prior art of record.

4. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

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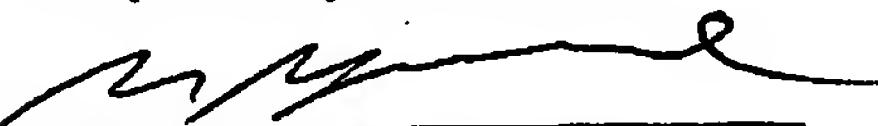
If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

5. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-871.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-871.

Respectfully submitted,



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